SUPPORTING STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT ON THE SEIZURE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES BY
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Mr Speaker, I agree with the sentiments expressed by the Hon Minority Leader. What is right is
right and what is wrong is wrong.

Events following elections have often been rancorous and acrimonious. The events of 2000/2001
do not invoke happy memories at all. The events of 2009 got exacerbated to the extent that,
heads were cracked. Groups of people were murdered in cold blood in 2008/2009.

Mr Speaker, people were shot in the lead up to elections. Toilet facilities were seized, residences
were razed, toll booths were ransacked and toll collection of markets and lorry parks were taken
over. Some Metropolitan Assemblies were forcefully taken over by foot soldiers.

Mr Speaker, these events are playing out again and nobody can find comfort in them. The Hon
Minority Leader has related to events at Bodi in the Western Region and Tamale. The events of
Agbogboloshie are still evergreen. When the Police requested that names should be submitted,
we submitted names. Nobody is justifying anything -- except I believe that ---

I believe that those events were wrong yesterday and are wrong today. We must discover our
voice as a House to condemn what is condemnable. We should not wait until eight years after to
discover our voices. Nobody can justify what is going on today but we should be even-handed
and balanced in our condemnation, that is all I seek to portray. I have emphasised that let us, as
a nation, ensure that we do not have a procreation of such events.

I am happy that the Hon Minority Leader is indicating that the Police must act decisively but there
are still lingering issues that they must deal with. So, as a nation, we shall bring these things to a
closure. The Police cannot be entreated to act only when some people deem it appropriate.

At all times when such events occur, the Police must act timeously and decisively. That is what
would save this nation. We are not doing this country any good by these events. They are
condemnable - and as I said earlier, they were condemnable three days ago, yesterday and today,
they are condemnable. If it should happen tomorrow, we should condemn it.

Mr Speaker, let us all resolve that we are in a new dispensation and the rule of law must prevail.
I associate myself with the Statement.

Thank you very much.